

Public Workshop Summary

SR 273, Appleby Road to Airport Road

March 4th, 2013 4:00pm – 7:00pm DelDOT Office Basement Bear Office

The project design team held a public workshop on March 4, 2013 to present the proposed improvements to the public and seek input. A total of 10 people attended the public workshop. Project team members received feedback on these proposed improvements. Of the two comment forms received, both agreed with most of the project improvements, and suggested additional improvements or modifications.

Current Design:

A summary of the proposed improvements are as follows:

- Construct single westbound left-turn lane at Appleby Rd/SR 273 intersection
- Signalize northbound Appleby Road right-turn to prohibit right-turns on red
- Convert the southbound Airport Road right-turn lane to an acceleration lane by introducing a third westbound SR 273 through lane
- Add a southbound Appleby Road left-turn lane into the shopping center
- Convert left-turn signal phasing at Appleby Road/SR 273 and Airport Road/SR273 from turning anytime on green, to turning only on green arrow
- Elimination of eastbound SR 273 center left turn lane at Wedgefield Drive Intersection
- Update crosswalks and curb ramps to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements
- Add pedestrian and bicycle facilities on Airport Road
- Add on-road bicycle facilities along SR 273
- Eliminate existing mid-block crosswalk at Wedgefield Drive

Common Public Comments:

- There is a drainage issue along southbound Appleby Road left of the existing sidewalk. Currently water is ponding on the frontage of three residents.
 - o After hearing other verbal comments about the ponding issue the design team shall review the existing ground and proposed tie-ins to determine if additional drainage is necessary to reduce ponding.
- The proposed location of the bus pad along southbound Appleby Road unwanted on that property frontage and is too close to the entrance to the community plaza shopping center.
 - o The design team has shifted the bus stop north between the two Community Plaza entrances and included a bus pull off area to reduce queuing along Appleby Road.
- Concern with the safety of access to the property located on the southwest corner of the SR 273 and Appleby Road intersection. With limited sight distance for vehicles turning from eastbound 273 onto southbound Appleby Road.
 - A bump out of the curb was designed at the entrance to the property to allow the property owner to utilize an eight foot wide shoulder prior to turning onto the property.